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RE:

Southwest Portland Cement, Navajo Sandstone Quarry,

ACT/023/010

On March 2, 1987, the Division approved the subject permit but noted that a vegetation survey to determine ground cover was necessary.

On May 14, 1987, Terry Kerby, of the company, and I ran a vegetation transect on the north side of the quarry. This area was considered to be like the disturbed area of the quarry.

The result of the transect is as follows:

## Ground Cover

Vegetation	Percentage
Bluebunch wheatgrass Bluegrass (Poe spp.) Big sagebrush Bitterbrush Cliffrose Small rabbitbrush	13 2 6 2 1 1
Total ground cover*	25
Litter Rock & pavement Bare ground	9 29 <u>37</u> 100

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\*Note: There is also an overstory of Utah juniper of approximately five percent which was not counted as ground cover.

With a vegetative ground cover of 25 percent, reclamation efforts will need to reestablish 18 percent ground cover (70 percent of original). This shouldn't be hard to do if some suitable soil material is put back on the disturbed areas and it is seeded properly. Photos of the area follow:



Photo #1 - Navajo Sandstone Quarry - May 14, 1987.
The vegetative transect was run on the toe of the slope in the center of the photograph.

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Photo #2 - Terry Kerby on the vegetation transect.

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